

Food & Meal Services



Bloomington has a very well organized and effective network of organizations that assist in getting food to those who need it most. Despite these efforts, many people - oftentimes children and seniors - may still not be reached. You can help make sure that no one is denied the right to a healthy meal by volunteering for one of the organizations below.

AREA 10 AGENCY ON AGING

7500 W. Reeves Rd. 47404
876-3383

www.area10.bloomington.in.us

Volunteer Contact: Caroline Clay

Minimum Age: 18

Email: cclay@area10.bloomington.in.us

Celebrates the human potential and provides services to assure the independence, health and dignity of older residents. Services include in-home services for frail elderly, hot lunches, a food pantry for the elderly, information and assistance, caregiver support, older worker employment, transportation, fitness and recreational programs, long-term care ombudsman.

* Located in Ellettsville, Area 10 is looking for people to help senior citizens learn to use computers (Windows, the Internet and email) for 2 hours each week. Volunteers are also needed to organize, package and deliver food to elderly and disabled people, and to visit them in nursing homes.

HOOSIER HILLS FOOD BANK

615 N. Fairview St. 47404
334-8374

www.hhfoodbank.org

Volunteer Contact: Lindsey Stuck

Minimum Age: 16

Email: lindsey@hhfoodbank.org

w/Parental Supervision: 12

Collects, stores and distributes donated food to 84 nonprofit organizations with feeding programs that directly serve needy and hungry people. In 2004, distributed nearly 1.8 million pounds of food to hungry people.

* The Meal Share Program invites groups and individuals to help repack prepared foods on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings; warehouse volunteers help disburse food, weigh in food donations, maintain warehouse; driver assistants help deliver and pick up food donations. Short commitment OK.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN OF MONROE COUNTY, INC.

917 S. Rogers St. 47403
332-0999

www.bloomington.in.us/~kitchen

Volunteer Contact: Annie Brookshire

Minimum Age: 13

Email: kitchen@bloomington.in.us

w/Parental Supervision: 10

Provides hot, nutritious meals to individuals in need Monday through Saturday, free of charge with no questions asked. Also distributes meals to kids through "Feed our Future" and Summer Breakfast Program.

* Volunteers help prepare and serve free meals six days a week for in-house and carry-out patrons. No experience needed. Two volunteer shifts: prep shift 11:30 am-1:30 pm; serving shift 3:30-6:30 pm. Five volunteers needed per shift.

MONROE COUNTY UNITED MINISTRIES

827 W. 14th St. 47404
339-3429

www.bloomington.in.us/~mcum

Volunteer Contact: Rana DeBey

Minimum Age: 14

Email: mcumhelp@bloomington.in.us

w/Parental Supervision: 13

A social service agency that provides subsidized child care and emergency services such as food, clothing and financial assistance to low-income Monroe County residents. A TB test and a limited physical are required of volunteers.

* Food Pantry volunteers needed to weigh, sort and pack food for clients who apply for assistance. You must be able to lift 20 lbs. consistently. You can also organize food drives at your place of work, worship or school. Those over 17 years of age can help in classrooms serving children 2-6 years old. The greatest need for volunteers is from 1-4pm.

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MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD

1010 S. Walnut St., Suite G 47401

355-6843

www.mhcfoodpantry.org

Volunteer Contact: Libby Yarnelle

Minimum Age: 12

Email: mhc@mhcfoodpantry.org

A Bloomington food pantry that provides wholesome, healthful foods, as well as nutrition and gardening education, to over 880 individuals in need per week.

* Assistance is needed with food distribution, clean up, community garden maintenance and nutrition education. Pantry is open from 3-6pm, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Wednesday from 11am-2pm. Flexible scheduling is available.

SHALOM COMMUNITY CENTER

PO Box 451 47402-0451

334-5728

www.bloomington.in.us/~shalom

Volunteer Contact: Pam Kinnaman

Minimum Age: 15

Email: kinnaman@bloomington.in.us

w/Parental Supervision: 12

A safe, daytime resource center for those experiencing homelessness or poverty; provides breakfast and lunch daily as well as referrals, social service contacts, job help, clothes, groceries and internet access. Operating hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

* Assist with the Monday through Friday breakfast and lunch program, including set up, meal preparation, serving and clean up. Those under 15 should be accompanied by an adult. No more than three volunteers are needed to work at least two-hour shifts each day.